

UTAH NEWSPAPERWOMEN

Female Editors Were First in Other Fields, Too

Editor's Note: This is another in a series of articles on women who figured prominently in Utah history.

By Jane Edwards
SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE

She felt sick every morning for a week upon opening the door of her shop. At age 32, Kate Jean Boan — the 10th of Utah's 14 women editors during the 19th century — agonized over the printing of her newspaper's first issue.

Knowing little about printing, Boan had responded to a Sears and Roebuck advertisement three months prior and become the bewildered owner of a press "the size and shape of a small grindstone."

"When I looked at it," Boan said, "and considered that I was in debt \$300 for that little load of strange junk, I had a panic. Jim Barker, the only printer in the county, who had promised to set it up for me did not come." She wished it would explode.

But it didn't, and on Jan. 2, 1891, Vernal's first newspaper, the *Uintah Pappoose* hit the stands.

Boan's history of prevailing over life's challenges should have been testimony enough that she could overcome difficulties of editing and publishing a newspaper.

Kate Jean O'Melia was born May 13, 1859. Her mother died giving birth to her only daughter. Kate and her older brother were taken into custody by separate families to enable their father to serve the Union Army in the Civil War.

Her father was one of 25,000 to lose his life in the Battle of Shiloh in 1862. Three-year-old Kate was adopted by an Episcopalian minister, never to



Courtesy of the Vernal Express

Kate Boan, shown with husband Amos, founded *Uintah Pappoose*.

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KATE JEAN BOAN, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

Entered at the P. O. at Vernal as Second Class Matter, Jan. 29th 1891.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF MAIL.

Schedule of arrival and departure of mails at Vernal Postoffice April, 1, 1891.

| MAILS. | LEAVE. | ARRIVE. |
|---------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Price | 8 a. m. | About 4 p. m. |
| Jensen. | Wed. and Sat. at 9 a. m. | daily except Sat. Wed Sat, 4 p m |

| OFFICE HOURS. | OPEN. | CLOSE. |
|----------------|------------|------------|
| Gen'l Delivery | 7 00 a. m. | 7 00 p. m. |
| Money Order. | 9 00 a. m. | 5 00 p. m. |
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NEW LAND LAW.

Continued from last issue.

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"Sec. 7. That any time after filing the declaration and within the period of 4 years thereafter, upon making satisfactory proof to the register and the receiver of the reclamation and cultivation of said land to the extent and cost and in the manner aforesaid, and substantially in accordance with the plans herein provided for, and that he or she is a citizen of the United States, and upon payment to the receiver of the additional sum of \$1 per acre for said land, a patent shall issue therefor to the applicant or his assigns; but no person or association of persons shall hold by assignment or otherwise, prior to the issue of patent, more than 320 acres of such arid or desert lands, but this section shall not apply to entries made or initiated prior to the approval of this act, provided, however, That additional proofs may be required at any time within the period prescribed by law, and that the claims or entries made under this or any preceding act shall be subject to contest, as provided by the law relating to homestead cases, for illegal inception, abandonment, or failure to comply with the requirements of the law, and upon satisfactory proof thereof shall be canceled, and the lands, and moneys paid therefor, shall be forfeited to the United States.

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